

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on April 12, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Sandra Sullivan, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 343, 4/11/2011; SB 199, 4/11/2011; SB 292, 4/11/2011

HEARING ON SB 199**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:10 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 199, Revise administration of income taxes and certain penalty & interest provisions.

[EXHIBIT\(aph81a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph81a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:35 Rep. Hiner and Rep. McChesney arrived.

00:08:47 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:15:29 Chairman McNutt

00:15:39 Mr. Bucks, DOR

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:58 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:17:16 Sen. Balyeat

00:18:23 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:19:08 Mr. Bucks, DOR

00:20:39 Rep. Gibson and Rep. Schmidt left.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:40 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 292**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:14 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 292, Regulate underground coal gasification.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:43 Rep. Schmidt returned.

00:26:45 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:32 Rep. Burnett

00:29:59 Mr. Berry

00:31:06 Rep. Burnett

00:31:14 Mr. Berry

00:31:38 Rich Southwick, Vice President, Great Northern Properties
00:32:13 Rep. Brodehl
00:32:24 Sen. Olsen
00:34:15 Rep. Brodehl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:37 Sen. Olson

HEARING ON SB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:12 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 343, Revise Montana aquatic invasive species act.

EXHIBIT(aph81a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:20 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT(aph81a04)

00:48:13 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Conservation Districts
00:48:34 Holly Franz, Pennsylvania Power and Light Montana (PPL)
00:48:54 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
00:49:34 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:50:32 Karen Laitala, Powell County Weed Coordinator
00:51:31 Margie Edsall, Madison County Weed Coordinator
00:52:04 Karen Miske, Executive Director, Flathead Basin Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:58 Rep. Ankney
00:54:23 Mr. de Yong
00:55:02 Rep. Esp
00:55:27 Mr. de Yong
00:56:02 Rep. Schmidt
00:56:15 Mr. de Yong

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:59 Sen. Jackson

ADJOURNMENT

00:58:13 Adjournment: 9:03 A.M.

Sandra Sullivan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph81aad.pdf](#))